



CSBS Announces New Economic Research and Policy Scholars Program

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Washington, D.C. — The Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS) today announced the launch of the Economic Research and Policy Scholars Program, designed to advance research on critical issues related to the nation's dual-banking system, community banking, financial services innovation, and economic growth.

The Scholars Program consists of distinguished scholars selected from academic institutions nationwide for their expertise and contributions to the field. Scholars are appointed for two-year terms.

“We are thrilled to welcome a diverse and accomplished group of researchers to our inaugural class of Economic Research and Policy Scholars,” said CSBS President and CEO Brandon Milhorn. “Their work will significantly enhance our understanding of the evolving financial landscape, and we look forward to the insights and innovations they will bring.”

The CSBS Economic Research and Policy Scholars for 2024-2026 are:

- [Jonathan A. Scott](#), Professor of Finance, Fox School of Business and Management, Temple University
- [Yadav Gopalan](#), Assistant Professor of Accounting, Mendoza School of Business, University of Notre Dame
- [Matthew Whitledge](#), Associate Clinical Professor of Finance, College of Business, Mississippi State University
- [Jill Cetina](#), Executive Professor of Finance, Mays Business School, Texas A&M University
- [Robert Marquez](#), Professor of Banking and Corporate Finance, Graduate School of Management, University of California – Davis

CSBS research programs help state supervisors and financial services stakeholders foster a competitive, resilient, and vibrant financial services sector in the United States.

To support that mission, scholars will have access to CSBS’s unique data assets, including Mortgage Call Report data and Money Services Business data, data from the [CSBS Annual Survey of Community Banks](#), and detailed component data from CSBS’s quarterly [Community Bank Sentiment Index](#). They will also have opportunities to present their findings at key industry conferences, including the annual [Community Banking Research Conference](#) co-sponsored by CSBS, the Federal Reserve System, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

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The Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS) is the national organization of financial regulators from all 50 states, American Samoa, District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands. State regulators supervise 79% of all U.S. banks and are the licensing authority for and primary regulator of primary licensing authority for nonbank financial services companies. CSBS, on behalf of state regulators, also operates the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System to license and register non-depository financial service providers in the

mortgage, money services businesses, consumer finance, and debt industries.

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